

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 3-6, 10, 14, 15, and 18 were amended to remove multiple dependency. Claim 16 was amended to correct a typographical error. The specification was amended to cross reference the priority applications and to add an Abstract.

Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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